

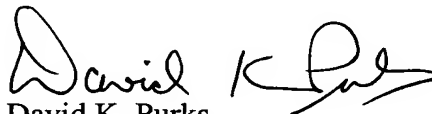
### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application that is reflected in the Office Action. Applicants also appreciate the decision in the Office Action that Claims 9-13, 26-30, and 38 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have canceled Claim 1; amended 9 to independent form including all recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; amended Claims 2, 4-8, 14, and 15 to depend from Claim 9; canceled Claim 18; amended Claim 26 to independent form including all recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; amended Claims 21-25, 31, and 32 to depend from Claim 26; canceled Claims 35 and 37; amended Claim 38 to independent form including all recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and amended Claim 36 to depend from Claim 38.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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